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TSINGTAO TO IMPROVE BUILDINGS, WATER SUPPLY;
CHUNGKING ARSENAL YIELDS VALUABLE MATERIALS

STORM DEMOLISHES 321 BUILDINGS IN TSINGTAO -- Tsingtao Jih-pao, 17 Apr 50

On 16 April 1950, a storm caused great damages to property and loss of life in Tsingtao. The first house was demolished at 0500 hours in the north sector of the city causing the death of ten persons and injury to 15 others. By 1900 hours, a total of 321 houses were demolished, 13 persons killed, and 20 persons injured.

Immediately after the calamity, officials from the various municipal agencies visited the stricken areas to aid the people and to make an investigation. The blame for the catastrophe was laid on the lack of repairs of the older houses. All citizens were warned to inspect their houses immediately and prevent further accidents.

PLANS RESTORATION OF TSINGTAO WATER SUPPLY PLANT -- Tsingtao Jih-pao, 30 Mar 50

Complete restoration of the water supply plant in Tsingtao was scheduled for 1950 at a conference which included representatives of the plant administration, engineers, and laborers. It was determined to make the repairs on the basis of the urgency of the various projects and at the same time it was recognized that since the nation is facing a period of financial difficulties it is necessary to economize.

The three important engineering projects which must be started are: construction of the Feng-wei sloping embankment of the Pai-sha Ho reservoir, transfer and construction of the pipe line of the No 1 pier of the Ta Chiang, and restoration and replacement of the electric and telephone poles from the Pai-sha ho to Huang-fou.

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FINDS 70 BILLION YUAN WORTH OF MATERIALS -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao,
21 Mar 50

Chungking, 20 March -- The Chungking People's Broadcasting Station reported that 70 billion yuan worth of materials have been found in the 29th Arsenal at Chungking. Included were 4,600 tons of iron and steel products, more than 1,000 tons of machinery and spare parts, two 30-ton open-hearth furnaces, a 50-ton crane, and a 250-ton blast furnace.

CHING-HUA GLASS FACTORY MOVES TO TSINGTAO -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao
21 Mar 50

Disassembling of the Ching-hua Glass Factory in Shanghai, which began on 11 March 1950 in preparation for removal to Tsingtao, is now nearly finished. The first shipment of 200 tons of machinery is leaving Shanghai by railroad on 21 March. Shipments are to be completed by the end of March.

In Tsingtao, this factory will be operated jointly by private and public interests, and will produce beer bottles for the Tsingtao Brewery. According to plans, production is to be resumed some time in July, at the rate of 1,200,000 beer bottles monthly. About 85 percent of the workers have requested to go along with the factory.

SIGNS DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL COOPERATIVE -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 14 Apr 50

The Canton Department Store Company, on 13 April 1950, signed a contract with the Central Cooperative to act as its distributor. The aim of the agreement is to equalize distribution of goods, stabilize prices, and preserve the real income of the workers. The company will supply the cooperative with merchandise and allow the cooperative a sales fee. The company will set the retail prices of the goods and the cooperative will prevent its branches from selling above or below the set price. The prices will be set daily. The cooperative is now preparing an initial order of general consumer's goods.

REORGANIZES BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 31 Mar 50

To implement the Central government's decision on the centralization of the nation's financial and economic activities, the Bank of Communications will be reorganized on 1 April 1950 to specialize in extending long-term loans to business to facilitate the development of industry.

In Shanghai, the Shanghai Branch of the People's Bank of China will establish Business Department No 1 from the present Public Utility Affairs Department to handle all financial matters that benefit public enterprises and utilities. The existing Business Affairs Department will be reorganized and called Business Department No 2 to help private enterprises and business firms in such matters as remittances, bills of exchange, etc.

SHANGHAI NEWSPAPERS LOWER PRICES -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Pao, 18 Apr 50

Shanghai -- Since financial conditions of the country have improved, and prices of goods show a downward tendency, beginning 21 April 1950, the following Shanghai newspapers will reduce the prices to 800 yuan per copy: Hsin-wen Pao, Ta Kung Pao, Chieh-fang Pao, Wen-hui Pao, Hsin-min Pao, I Pao, and Ta Pao.

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